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In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant form (PTO/SB/08A & B).

Copies of the five foreign references are enclosed. Copies of the two cited U.S. references have not been provided, in accordance with the Notice entitled "Information Disclosure Statements May Be Filed Without Copies of U.S. Patents and Published Applications in Patent Applications filed after June 30, 2003" set forth at 1276 O.G. 55.¹ The present application, it should be noted, was filed after June 30, 2003, on August 26, 2003.

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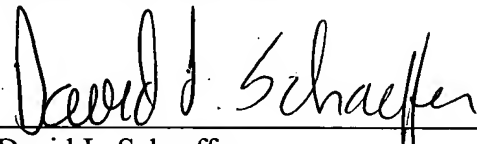
Some of the cited references were called to Applicants' attention in a Search Report dated March 2, 2004, in European Patent Appln. No. 03 019 652.1, which is a counterpart to the instant case. A copy of that Search Report is also enclosed. The Examiner is respectfully directed thereto for a concise explanation of the relevance of the cited art.

To date, Applicants have not received a first Office Action, and so this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3).

It is respectfully requested that the cited information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO/SB/08A & B be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of this application is respectfully requested. In the event that there are any questions, or should additional information be required, please contact applicant's attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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